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SUBJECT: AWOLOWO FOR PRESIDENT

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1. IN AN APRIL 13 FRONTPAGE STORY, PUNCH QUOTES CHIEF AWOLOWO TO THE EFFECT THAT HE WILL RUN FOR PRESIDENT IN 1979. PUNCH REPORTS THAT AWOLOWO MADE THE STATEMENT WHILE SPEAKING TO THE IKA COMMUNITY, AGBOR, BENDEL STATE ON APRIL 11. THE ARTICLE QUOTES AWOLOWO AS SAYING HIS MAIN CONCERN 'IS TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, I DON'T INTEND TO MARRY MORE WIVES NOR BUILD MORE HOUSES; ALL I WANT IS A GOOD NAME, NOT MONEY FROM ANY GOVERNMENT.'

2. COMMENT: AS REPORTED IN REF A, AWOLOWO HAS BEEN MOVING AROUND THE COUNTRY IN AN EFFORT TO ORGANIZE SUPPORT FOR HIS CANDIDACY, THEREFORE, WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT THE PUNCH STORY IS

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AN ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF AN AWOLOWO MEETING. THE INTERESTING ASPECT OF THE PUNCH REPORT COULD BE THE GOVERNMENT'S REACTION. RECENTLY THE FMG REITERATED ITS WARNING TO THE PRESS ABOUT PUBLISHING POLITICAL ARTICLES WHICH ENCOURAGE ILLEGAL POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND MAY NOW FEEL FORCED TO ACT. END SUMMARY.
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